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LEARNING COMMUNITY EQUIPPING STUDENTS
FOR LIFELONG LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE THROUGH
AN EDUCATION MARKED BY EXCELLENCE AND
GROUNDED IN BIBLICAL TRUTH.

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In chapel, Kristie Febo '08 (left) and Jennifer Flynn '08 (right) encouraged students to give money to the Home of Hope project and explained how their organization, the Student Center Activity Board, raised close to \$3,000 toward the total \$39,000 collected.

Giving Big

Burdened by the AIDS epidemic ravishing African countries, a group of Cedarville students initiated the campus-wide Home of Hope project in fall 2007. They partnered with World Help and the Student Government Association (SGA) in hopes of raising \$25,000 to build a house in Zambia where 12 orphans affected by the AIDS crisis could live in a stable home environment.

“We took a holistic approach to the endeavor,” said project leader and 2007–08 SGA Vice President Emily Kraft '09. “We wanted students to not only engage this issue through financial contribution, but also educate themselves, and then consider what it would look like to incorporate their own interests, talents, and skills in changing the lives of the children.”

To meet the goal, students organized events that not only raised funds but also increased awareness across the entire campus. Students and campus organizations sponsored documentary showings, on-campus activities, fundraising incentives, and a 5K fundraising race with Wittenberg University (Springfield, Ohio).

The project culminated in a University-wide chapel offering where students sacrificially gave \$23,000. By May 2008, donations totaled \$39,000, surpassing the original goal in an unprecedented amount of time.

Looking back on the project, committee member Baxter Stapleton '11 said, “Never have I seen students so excited to take action, raise awareness, and donate money to help their brothers and sisters in Christ who live halfway around the world.”

“This type of project demonstrates what is at the heart of the Cedarville student body: a love for people,” said Bob Rohm '68, vice president for Christian ministries. “Our students are generous and caring.”

Construction of the three-bedroom, 900-square-foot home will soon be underway, allowing the children to gain better access to educational and medical resources and have the opportunity to hear the Gospel. The surplus of funds allows for further opportunities to impact the orphans and the village.

“The purpose of this project was not just to raise money,” said committee member Brittany Donald '08. “The long-term purpose was to change the lives of orphans in Zambia and evoke permanent change in students. Who knows how these changed lives will impact the community, the country, and even the world?”

Reaching the World for Almost 40 Years

Missions Involvement Services (MIS) is an integral part of many students' Cedarville experience. Since 1970, more than 5,000 individuals have ministered in 89 countries.

This summer, faculty, staff, and students again lived out truth before a lost and dying world. Fields of service included the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Kosovo, Liberia, Peru, Romania, Rwanda, South Africa, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda, and Ukraine. Read more about this summer's MIS trips at www.cedarville.edu/missions.

Cedarville's MIS program is directed by former missionary Brian Nester. Brian and his team work closely with missions agencies to provide an experience that accurately presents the joy and challenges of missions work.

For more information on how you can support students who take short-term missions trips, contact Cedarville's MIS office by e-mailing mis@cedarville.edu.



Left: After a day of ministry, the Israel team took an authentic camel ride through the Negev Desert. Right: Jordan Leman '09 and others of the Middle East team spent time fixing a Bedouin widow's home.

chapel report

Authentic praise. A community gathering. Challenging speakers.

Some things never change. Meet a few of the guests who spoke in chapel during the past few months. Listen to archived chapel broadcasts at www.ThePath.fm.

Marilyn Laszlo (January 10, 2008)

Former Missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators
www.laszlomissionleague.com

Chip Bernhard '77 (January 17, 2008)

Senior Pastor of Spring Creek Church, Pewaukee, Wisconsin
www.springcreekonline.org

David Uth (February 5, 2008)

Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Florida
www.firstorlando.com

Gary Phillips (February 20–21, 2008)

Founding Pastor of Signal Mountain Bible Church, Signal Mountain, Tennessee
www.smbible.com

D.Z. Cofield (March 11–12, 2008)

Senior Pastor of Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
www.goodhope.org

Nicole Braddock Bromley (March 13, 2008)

Founder and Director of OneVOICE Enterprises
www.onevoiceenterprises.com

Alistair Begg (March 26, 2008)

Senior Pastor of Parkside Church, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
www.parksidechurch.com

Phil Savage (March 27, 2008)

Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Cleveland Browns
www.clevelandbrowns.com

Deforia Lane (April 3, 2008)

Director of the Music Therapy Program, University Hospitals of Cleveland, Ireland Cancer Center, and Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital
www.uhhospitals.org

Mark Bailey (April 8, 2008)

President of Dallas Theological Seminary
www.dts.edu





SEMINAR TRAINING TO EQUIP PEOPLE FOR SERVICE

A "Step" in the Right Direction

Cedarville is filling the gap between an individual's desire to minister and the skills and knowledge needed to effectively serve. With bi-vocational ministers and lay leaders in mind, the STEPS program provides resources to those serving on the front lines of ministry. Delivered by faculty from the School of Biblical and Theological Studies, seminar topics include leadership, discipleship, biblical foundations for ministry, shepherding care, small group ministry, effective teaching, and conflict resolution.

To learn more about the STEPS program for you or your church, visit www.cedarville.edu/steps.

student stats



Who are this year's SGA officers?

President
Matt Dearden '09 | Trout Lake, Washington

Vice President
Liz Knorr '09 | Royersford, Pennsylvania

Chaplain
Jon McGill '09 | Brick, New Jersey

Treasurer
Courtney Kline '09 | Troy, Pennsylvania

Secretary
Jennifer Steckel '10 | Columbus, Ohio

Activities Director
Jessica Swayze '09 | Milford, Michigan

Organizations Director
Jenna Fox '10 | Temecula, California

Website Director
Wes Perrien '10 | Elwell, Michigan

Inter-Collegiate Council Director
Joel Brummel '09 | Allegan, Michigan

Student Life Director
Bonnie Brady '09 | Martinsburg, Pennsylvania

Public Relations Director
Tyler West '10 | Valrico, Florida

Student Relations Director
Briana DuPree '10 | Phoenixville, Pennsylvania

Inter-Class Council Director (not pictured)
Andrew Davis '09 | Saint Johns, Michigan

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the representative assembly of the student body. The purpose of SGA includes planning Friday chapel services, supporting a harmonious school atmosphere, and helping to provide extracurricular activities.





Not Your Everyday School Projects

Cedarville students continue to demonstrate their skills and abilities beyond the classroom. Here are some noteworthy examples from the 2007–08 academic year:

■ A Truly Profitable Business Venture

Students from the department of business administration formed their own company, created a business plan, obtained a loan, implemented their plan, made a profit, and closed down operations, all in one semester. Part of an experience known as the Integrated Business Core (IBC), students learned not only how to make money, but how to give it away. Each IBC student was required to volunteer at least 10 hours and donate all earnings to a local nonprofit organization. This year the IBC donated a total of 392 hours and \$3,700 to the Dayton Gospel Mission.

■ New Foot for Young Swimmer

For nine-year-old Grace Norman, swimming was no easy task. Grace was born without a left foot due to a congenital condition where inelastic amniotic bands tightened around her ankle, causing the total amputation of one foot before birth. Her father, Dr. Tim Norman, professor of mechanical engineering at Cedarville, worked with senior engineering students to create a swim foot that connects to Grace's prosthetic socket where a foot would normally attach. When she gets in the water and pushes off, it deploys — extending just as if she were pointing her toe. The water causes it to stay open and flutter as she moves. Grace's new swim foot provides increased mobility and more fun in the pool!

■ Workout for Senior Jackets

They're called the Senior Jackets — a group of elderly men and women who gather for exercise and fellowship. Twice a week, these seniors arrive at the Cedarville University Fitness Center, ready to work their bodies, refresh their spirits, and strengthen their hearts. Several Cedarville exercise and sport science students help the seniors with their exercises, assisting adjunct instructor Dr. Dee Morris, who plans the individual routines. Dr. Morris has witnessed what the students gain by being a part of the program — life experience and wisdom top the list. And the seniors, in return, enjoy being around the young people.

■ Spring Baseball Takes on Hunger

Spring means baseball at the Dayton Dragons' Fifth Third Field, and, for the third year in a row, Cedarville's event planning and management class hosted a game between the Yellow Jackets and the Earlham College Quakers. Seven hundred attendees made the event the largest to date. It also provided students with the opportunity to give back. Baseball fans contributed canned food items that were donated to The Foodbank in Dayton. Students also secured two tractor-trailer loads of food and necessities for The Foodbank, a donation worth nearly \$150,000, from LeSea Global Feed the Hungry, based out of South Bend, Indiana.



on the road

September 21

HeartSong
Brownsburg, Indiana

September 27–28

The Master's Puppets
Elyria, Ohio

September 28

Dr. Bill Brown
Northfield, Ohio

October 9

Dr. Bill Brown
Greensboro, North Carolina

October 25–26

The Master's Puppets
Jackson, Michigan

November 1–2

Lifeline Players
Willoughby, Ohio

November 1–2

The Master's Puppets
Weirton, West Virginia

November 2

Dr. Bill Brown
Bristol, Indiana

November 2

HeartSong
Adrian, Michigan

November 2

HeartSong
Eaton, Ohio

November 9

OneVoice Gospel Choir
Reynoldsburg, Ohio

November 16

Men's Glee Club
Des Moines, Iowa

For more events and information,
visit www.cedarville.edu/events.
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Honors Day Chapel Recognizes Achievements



Each spring Cedarville sets aside a chapel service to recognize outstanding student achievement. During the 2008 Honors Day ceremony, Cedarville honored students for their academic excellence and leadership. Honorees received awards and scholarships based on their fields of study and future pursuits. Awards are provided by generous friends who are committed to the mission of the University.

Alumni fund two annual scholarships that benefit students: the John W. Bickett Heritage Scholarship and the Alumni Scholarship. Seven students received the John W. Bickett Heritage Scholarship, established in 1982 by the Heritage alumni of Cedarville College. This scholarship is given to upperclassman students preparing for pastoral or missionary service and planning to further their education in seminary or language studies. The Alumni Scholarship, established by the Alumni Council, was given to 16 students. For this scholarship, each academic department selects one student who is deemed most deserving of academic recognition.

John W. Bickett Heritage Scholarship

Front row: Amy Goldman '10, Steven Tackett '10, Corey Reeder '09; Back row: James Lemon '09, Thomas Cary '09, Jonathan McGill '09; Not pictured: Timothy Voltz '09

Alumni Scholarship

Front row: Timothy Vincent '09 (engineering and computer science), Katrina Gingerich '11 (music and art), Julie Johnson '09 (education), Kelly Miller '09 (history and government); Middle row: Kathryn Koch '09 (exercise and sport science), Grace Sims '09 (athletic training), Brandon Inkrott '10 (business administration); Back row: Nathan Reed '10 (theology and philosophy), Mark Becknell '09 (nursing), Grant Hansen '09 (communication arts), James Lemon '09 (ministry and mission); Not pictured: Eric Boothe '09 (biblical studies), Bethany Duncan '09 (social work, criminal justice, and sociology), Cristina Hatch '10 (science and mathematics), Alisha Lee '09 (psychology)



yellow jacket sports

Celebrating Outstanding Athletes

Cedarville athletics hosted the annual honors and appreciation banquet on April 21. One of the highlights of the event was the presentation of four major awards — the Yellow Jacket Athlete of the Year Award, the Donald E. Callan Award, the Don and Nedra Callan Sports Ministry Award, and the CU Champion of Character Award.

Women's track and field performer Courtney Reid '08 and men's basketball player Ryan Short '08 were named the 2007–08 Athletes of the Year.

Courtney, a resident of Dayton, Ohio, is an NAIA Indoor All-American in the 60-meter hurdles and an NAIA Outdoor All-American in the 400-meter hurdles. The holder of 10 school records, Courtney is also the 2008 American Midwest Conference champion in the 100-meter hurdles and the 400-meter hurdles.

Ryan, a Springfield, Ohio, resident and four-year member of the Yellow Jackets, was an NAIA Division II All-American honorable

mention choice this past season. He also earned the NCCAA's Pete Maravich Award as the National Player of the Year. Ryan averaged a team-high 15.9 points and 3.6 assists per game in 2007–08.

The Donald E. Callan Award recognizes four-year Yellow Jacket athletes, one male and one female, who are committed to Christian



Josh Gelser '08 and Sarah Zeltman '08, pictured with Dr. Don and Nedra Callan, received the 2008 Don and Nedra Callan Sports Ministry Award.

ministry, academic excellence, leadership, and athletic accomplishment. Softball player Andrea Walker '08 of Mason, Ohio, and Ryan Short took the honors this year.

The Don and Nedra Callan Sports Ministry Award is given to athletes for their evangelism in and through sports activities while at Cedarville. The female recipient was women's volleyball player Sarah Zeltman '08 of Kidron, Ohio, and the male winner was men's soccer performer Josh Gelser '08 of Vestal, New York.

The faculty recognized four athletes for their personal representation of the NAIA's Champion of Character values of respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership, and sportsmanship. Women's volleyball player Libby Short '09 of Springfield, Ohio; women's basketball player Mary Stockdale '08 of Barberton, Ohio; and men's cross country runner Kevin Kuhn '09 and men's basketball player Ryan Reep '09, both of Springfield, Ohio, were honored.

Campus Welcomes New Administrators



Dr. John Gredy

Dr. John Gredy has been named Cedarville's first provost. The establishment of a provost position to assist the president strategically advances the University community. Dr. Gredy is responsible for Cedarville's academic, student life, and enrollment management and marketing divisions.

Assuming the role after three years as Cedarville's vice president for enrollment management, Dr. Gredy has 30 years of experience in college administration, providing leadership to both public and private universities in the areas of enrollment management, marketing, and university relations. He holds an Ed.D. in higher education and M.S. in counseling and guidance from Indiana University and a B.S. in psychology from Albion College.

"John is a gifted motivator," said Dr. Bill Brown, Cedarville president. "He has demonstrated a passion to build an authentic community, to collaborate to accomplish objectives, and to pursue new dreams and opportunities. I am looking forward to partnering with John."

Cedarville is also delighted to welcome Bill Bigham to the University family as the vice president for advancement. Bill earned a history degree from Roberts Wesleyan College in 1995 and a master's degree in public administration from The State University of New York in 2001.

For the past 11 years, Bill served at Roberts Wesleyan College/Northeastern Seminary in Rochester, New York, first as the director of donor relations and later as the advancement vice president. He helped lead fundraising campaigns totaling nearly \$44 million, and in 2005 the *Rochester Business Journal* named Bill one of its "Top 40 Under 40."

"He not only brings to Cedarville his skills and experience as a successful fundraiser and administrator," said Dr. Brown, "but he also is committed to service in Christian higher education."



Lynne Brown

Women for Scholarship cedarville university

When a group of women gathers with one goal, something's bound to happen. Take, for instance, Women for Scholarship (WFS) — a program designed to spiritually, socially, and financially encourage both female and male students at Cedarville.

This growing organization of volunteer women was founded this past January by Cedarville's First Lady Lynne Brown. She explained her vision, stating, "I know so many wonderful students on campus who are faced with growing debt and limited scholarship assistance. A group of women and I began to consider ways we could help make college more affordable."

Bingia Grace (Zhang) Phillips '08 is an example of the kind of person WFS desires to help. After coming to Christ as a student in China, Grace felt the need for a solid biblical education. She arrived at Cedarville with only \$2,000 to her name, but God was faithful. Through the generosity of others, Grace completed her education and is now prepared to give back. She gladly became a charter member of WFS in January, along with 30 other area women, including Debby (Zaller) Stephens '78, the group's first president.

The group endeavors to raise awareness of student need and to explore opportunities to expand scholarship funds. WFS is working to publish *CU in the Kitchen*, a recipe book complete with photos and alumni memories. In addition, a fashion show and silent auction are scheduled for September 27 in the Dixon Ministry Center.

For more information, contact WFS by e-mailing wfs@cedarville.edu.

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make **college more affordable**."

campus events

August

15-17

Getting Started Weekend

18-21

Fall Bible Conference

September

13

Social Work Day

24-25

Crown Financial
Ministries Seminar

26

CU Friday Campus Visit Day

27

Walk 'n Roll — Joni and Friends

October

2-4, 9-11

Fall Play, *An Ideal Husband*

3-4

Homecoming

11

Junior Jam

24

Legacy Banquet

31

CU Friday Campus Visit Day

November

1

Business Day

14-15

Parents/Grandparents Weekend

21

CU Friday Campus Visit Day

22

Science and Math Day

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What makes prof Ed Spencer so remarkable?



With his enthusiasm for literature, faith in God, and passion for students, few grads could escape the profound impact of Ed Spencer. He will continue to inspire Cedarville students long after his retirement.

Have you ever hugged him? The answer lies within the hug.

MATT TAYLOR '08, LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

It is his smile. Everyone has one to give away, free of charge. Ed's smile is very sincere, and his radiance is shown from ear to ear. **The love of Christ shines through his smile** and reaches everyone he comes in contact with.

JOAN (BRYANT) HULSEY '64, AKRON, OHIO

I don't even know how old Ed Spencer is! It doesn't matter because he is cool today. **He gets into your life and becomes not just a role model but a friend.** When I think of my Cedarville experience, a lot of it is Ed Spencer.

JOSHUA FLYNN '06, HENDERSON, NEVADA

Whether it was a quick question before or after class or a consultation in his office, **Mr. Spencer always had time to talk with students.** No matter how busy he was, the student was the center of his attention and was given a meaningful answer.

SHEILA (SOLOMON) BEERS '69, ARGOS, INDIANA

When I first arrived at Cedarville in the fall of 1994, I didn't know anyone. I was scared and excited about all that was happening. When I walked into Mr. Spencer's class on that first day, I knew I was going to enjoy his class. From that moment on, every time I saw him **he treated me more like a granddaughter than a student.** He always called me by name and always had a smile.

THERESA (BASHAM) RICHARDSON '98, DAYTON, OHIO

His everyday smiles and friendly conversation bring encouragement and joy to every student who comes in contact with him.

JOHN HANSON '00, HOUSTON, TEXAS

He was a challenging professor who wasn't afraid to "let his hair down." Way back in the early '80s, Mr. Spencer was willing to be our announcer for a P.D.Q. Bach concert put on by the Cedarville chapter of MENC and held in Alford Hall. When he did the promo for it in chapel, he came out onto the platform wearing a wig, barrettes, a tux, and galoshes. **He and his announcement brought the house down.** Add to that his constantly changing wigs during the concert, and it made for a hilarious evening of satirizing classical music!

GARY ROUSTER '84, JACKSON, MICHIGAN

Never have I known a man who has had such a passion for literature and a love for God and his students as Mr. Spencer. He made the world of words come alive.


STEVE WALTER '87, DES MOINES, IOWA

QUESTION FOR THE NEXT ISSUE:

Getting there is half the adventure! What's your favorite Cedarville travel memory?

Send your answer to Alumni Relations, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, OH 45314, or e-mail alumni@cedarville.edu. Selected responses will be printed in the fall/winter issue of Inspire. Deadline for entries is September 15, 2008.





“A seed vision had embedded itself
in the soil of my life.
I would go to Africa someday,
to the uttermost part.”

Influencing the Uttermost

by Rachel (Mayo) Chambers '78

I WAS ONLY 10 YEARS OLD, sitting on our parsonage couch in wide-eyed imagination. Dad was reading to our family from the book *Mary Slessor: White Queen of the Cannibals*. Only it wasn't Mary Slessor who entered the jungle in a dugout, it was me. The mosquitoes swarmed about my face as I watched the African guides quietly dip and push the river water aside. I adjusted my Bible under my



arm as we neared the shore and stepped onto the bank. A dark, bare-chested chief with an animal-tooth necklace and leopard skin greeted me in his native tongue of Ugh-em. I told him bravely that I'd brought him a gift: words from God. I held out my Bible. He smiled, wanting more.

The chapter ended, but a seed vision had embedded itself in the soil of my life. I would go to Africa someday, to the uttermost part. Like Mary, I would see with my own eyes that Christ's love could make a difference, even in the farthest corners of Uttermost.

And So It Begins

In 1992, my husband, Jim '75, and I, along with our six children, left for Africa as part of a pioneering team to Zambia. Our mission began strategically in the concrete jungle: birthing churches in the capital; opening a Bible institute; and serving among the poor, chronically ill, and destitute.

The infant congregations were filled with Zambians who lived a day-to-day subsistence,

dealing with HIV/AIDS, orphan overload, and spiritual superficiality. We offered the dying the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Though a dream come true, our ministry was more challenging than my childhood imagination of evangelizing chiefs on the river banks and floating downstream to the next "project." We had to love the people through their growing-up years, modeling Christ's unconditional compassion and guiding them toward service and outreach.

One danger in this jungle was the people's dependency on the missionaries to meet needs — making us, rather than Christ, their savior and helper. Like mosquitoes, this can drain the lifeblood out of God's servants. So we tried to keep their real Savior and Helper before them constantly. We taught local church-centered care for the destitute, letting congregations impact their own people and communities. Where we were needed for partnerships, we assisted in

training, counsel, and permanent orphan care.

Eleven years after our arrival in Africa, God took us four hours downstream to develop an 1,800-acre farm for ministry. The farm was adjacent to Kamunza, a spiritually dark village of about 1,000 Tongas. We stepped "on the shore" of the village with Community Health Evangelism (CHE), hoping to train nationals to bring change to their communities through spiritual and physical truth.

The results were powerful. First, a hunger for knowledge surfaced, followed by a receptivity to God's love and God's Word. Many were saved weekly. A Bible study formed, then a church. Best of all, the Zambians were the missionaries!

Theresa's Story

One woman whom God brought to Kamunza through the CHE program was Theresa. As the fourth wife of a polygamist, Theresa had fled from the interior district of Mbila to make a life for herself in our town.

She was bright and industrious, but deeply troubled by her unhappy marriage, health issues, and separation not only from her husband, but from God as well.

Each week she sat next to me on the reed mat under the mango trees to hear of Christ's love and suffering for her salvation. When she at last connected the facts with personal faith, her hope and excitement in salvation grew. One day she burst out, "We *have* to take this to my husband and the other wives!" Unbelievable! The problems of polygamy that once enslaved her were now the impetus to free her former "captors." My childhood vision of seeing Christ make a difference was coming into focus.

Before anyone could get to Theresa's husband, though, he arrived in town with his first wife, intending to get supplies for their clan in the interior. Theresa hurried to the farmhouse, breathless, and said: "Mrs. Chambers! You and Pastor have to visit Mr. M—! You have to tell him how to be saved!" Her urgency pushed us into action, though my heart lagged behind.

Jim, his translator, and I entered the room where Mr. M— sat. I had an instant dislike for him. From first impressions, I judged him to be proud, insensitive, and self-centered. Being Theresa's mentor, I knew too much and, for that reason, had a chip on my shoulder. I adjusted my Bible under my arm and considered returning to my canoe to think about this. "Could God — no, *would* God — really save this polygamist?" The question burst the surface of my mind like a bubble long-submerged in the depths of my heart. I, the former "Mary Slessor," shocked myself. Could *I* love *him*?

Jim opened the conversation with amenities, then turned to questions of spiritual concern. For an hour and a half, the two men questioned and answered each other. Mrs. M— No. 1 and I sat silently. The questions became more than academic; Mr. M— seemed intrigued. "I've never heard this before," he said thoughtfully. It was obvious that God was opening the man's ears. I felt awe as an ancient truth poked me: "The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to *all* men." I knew that! But when I heard him humble himself in prayer before his Savior and witnessed his tears as he received forgiveness, I cried, too. I still do.

The salvation of Mr. M— and his wife was the beginning of my long-awaited journey to Uttermost. They begged us to return with them to their territory. But we were nursing our infant work in Kamunza and could not leave them even for a short trip. We sent the couple home with Bible studies and songbooks, promising that as soon as God granted us the opportunity, we would join them.

The Next Chapter

Six months later, we packed two cars with survival supplies and 10 of our trained CHE workers from Kamunza. Theresa navigated as the two-lane dirt road became one lane, then grass and dirt, then whatever happened to be in front of us! The further we drove from home, the more my Uttermost dream touched reality.

We finally arrived well past dark. A bonfire marked our destination, which seemed like one of the ends of the earth. Mr. M—’s joyful clan and other local families delighted us with dancing and songs.

Over the next five days, we spread through the area, sharing the Gospel. Every home we visited was polygamist, poor, and lost. Most listened to the Gospel with longing but hopeless unanimity: “We can’t be saved.”

“Why?” we asked. “God invites you: ‘All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved!’”

“We are polygamists” was the fatalistic reply. After all, previous evangelists had denied them baptism or church membership until they divorced all but the first wife. These people reasoned that if the church is God’s and the church does not accept us, then God must refuse us, too. In their minds, salvation meant disassembling their homes, severing ties with wives and children, and surviving without the economic support of the multiple-wife workforce — something they found impossible to contemplate.



On the banks of this district, we offered our most precious revelation: the gift of God’s Word and His grace. The news began to spread that polygamists *could* be saved. Hope grew.

During our second trip to the interior, we brought the *Jesus* film in the Tonga language.

People walked for hours to witness the story of Jesus. After the first viewing, our counselors from Kamunza (some former polygamists) explained the grace of God and forgiveness through Christ to more than 100 who responded. The next night, a second showing yielded nearly 100 more decisions. People talked of this Jesus all the way home. “I never knew Jesus had a body! I just thought He was a spirit floating around.” “I never knew He was beaten and killed for my sins!” “We are loved by God!”

Truth had impacted the darkness in Uttermost!

We enjoyed two more trips to Uttermost before furlough. I led Mr. M—’s two other wives to the Lord, along with teaching and discipling other polygamist women in the fellowship. We began seeing fruits of the Spirit in the people and subsequent change in behavior and life choices. Establishing a church from a distance was less than perfect, but God completes the work He begins. Though we’ve yet to return to Uttermost, our young Kamunza church stands in our place on the brink of impact, taking up the ministry we began.

And the dark man is still smiling, wanting more. **i**

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WHEN A 7.9 MAGNITUDE earthquake hit a region of small cities and towns north of Sichuan's provincial capital of Chengdu on the afternoon of May 12, it was only the beginning of a tragedy that would be felt across a nation — and around the world. With the death toll reaching close to 70,000, the devastation and loss seem beyond comprehension.

Several Cedarville graduates experienced this disaster firsthand and have spent the months since then ministering to the survivors. Among them were Dan Roeber '05, his wife Sarah (Thengvall) Roeber '04, and Adelle Schanely '04, who were all teaching at Chengdu International School (CDIS).

Dan was working at the school — about 42 miles away from the epicenter — when he felt the initial quake, which lasted for more than three minutes. That was the worst of the hit, but aftershocks continued for many days. And though the school had to close down for a few days under government orders, the staff was soon able to get back to work and immediately began mobilizing relief efforts.

“Our students, who were originally headed to Xi'an for a few days on their annual high school trip, turned their attention to areas damaged by the earthquake,” Dan said. “We helped with

When Mountains

by Sharyn Kopf

"That people would leave the comfort of their homes to come to a place of such tragedy has served as an encouraging reminder of God's grace and provision."

daily tasks, provided hygiene packs to refugee camps, and played games with children in an attempt to help them deal with the trauma."

Adelle, who has been teaching at CDIS for the past four years, was sitting alone in her classroom, planning lessons, when the building began to quiver. "At first, I thought it was students in the choir room above me moving furniture," she said. "Then it kept shaking, and this tremor of fear hit me."

She joined the teachers and students as they filed into a field and waited until the vibrations stopped. At first, the earthquake gave Adelle a glimpse of God's power, but her feelings turned to grief as she heard about the great loss of life, the many injuries, and the number of people who were now without a home.

"You feel so vulnerable," she said, "like you have no control over your life at all. Never knowing when the next aftershock would hit, I had a bag by the door, ready to run downstairs. I heard rumors of chemicals leaking into our water supply from plants that had exploded. Ambulances raced by constantly, and we feared dams breaking and flooding our city."

But in the midst of uncertainty, Adelle has seen God at work, from the donations they have received to the numerous volunteers who have journeyed from around the world to help. Knowing that people would leave the comfort of their homes to come to a place of such tragedy has served as an encouraging reminder of God's grace and provision.


The day after the earthquake, Adelle began working with the relief organization Heart to Heart, an experience that has been one of the highlights of her life. "When I began, I had no idea what I was getting myself into," she said. "We would work from early morning until late at night, answering phones, taking donations of supplies and money, sending teams out, and

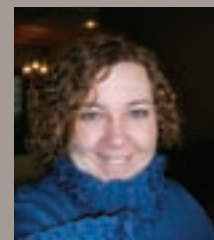
assessing needs. It was an awesome opportunity — and extremely exhausting!" Through it all, she learned to depend on God for strength and perseverance.

Dan, too, found his eyes focused on the power and providence of God. As evidenced by the many Christian meeting places that stood firm through the quake, he believes that God has strategically mobilized the Christian community to share the hope of Christ. "I don't claim to understand the mind of God," Dan said, "but I do know that centers of paganism crumbled, while centers of Christianity were left standing." Dan also believes that God spared their own area so they could minister to those in need.

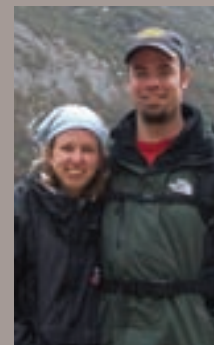
One of Cedarville's professors also joined the relief efforts. In June, Dr. Luke Tse, an associate professor of psychology, spent several days in Beijing assisting a counseling center as it prepared to train counselors for their work in the Sichuan province. He also provided training material and presented training sessions for the center and other organizations.

With many people still living in tents, Cedarville grads and all those helping in the relief efforts have much work to do. In May, CDIS began working on ways to build tent schools in the quake zones. Adelle sees this as an amazing opportunity for the Chinese school system. "It has the potential to open many doors," she said, "and build a strong foundation of solid schools in more ways than one!"

As the people of China rebuild their lives after the earthquake, God continues His work of renovating hearts. And according to Dan, believers have been able to minister "with a level of freedom never before seen in China." 



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Since this story was written, Dan '05 and Sarah (Thengvall) Roeber '04 have moved to Texas for Dan to attend Dallas Theological Seminary. But the Roebers are still involved in China earthquake relief, working through Leadership Development International. You may contact Dan at danroeber@gmail.com.

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Tremble



I SQUIRMED IN MY SEAT, glancing over at my best friend, Andrew, who seemed just as uncomfortable. It was Friday night, and we were stuck in a pew at the old Anglican church just outside of Harare's city center in Zimbabwe. Though only 15, I could think of plenty of things I'd rather be doing than enduring the tedious creeds and endless testimonies that went hand-in-hand with confirmation.

Actually, being confirmed was the extent of my religion, though I did believe I was saved. My parents were still new to Christianity and, after much coercion, were able to get me to church. I believed that as long as I attended Sunday school once in a while, I was guaranteed a place in heaven.

Less than a year after that Friday night confirmation, I was 16 and fully immersed in the parties and nightlife of Harare. But it was in the sports arena that I found my true idolatry. I captained my school's tennis and cricket teams and played on the hockey team, which went undefeated that season.

In addition, I had the huge honor of playing on Zimbabwe's best varsity rugby team. It seemed I excelled at about anything I tried — and I had the ego to match. If the enemy uses worldly distractions to keep a man's eyes off of eternal things, then he got to me through sports.

Despite all my athletic involvement, though, I still had not had an opportunity

to participate in the one sport I most wanted to play: soccer. My high school didn't have a soccer program, so I contented myself with quick games during recess or at home with my friends and brother. You see, in my culture white Zimbabweans were reared to play rugby, tennis, or cricket. Soccer was seen as a hobby, useful only for improving one's coordination for a *real* sport, like rugby.

COMING TO AMERICA

In 2004, I left Zimbabwe for college. While many of my friends scattered to South Africa, Australia, or England, I wanted a chance to pursue the American dream. And I still hoped to play soccer, though most people insisted it was too late to join a competitive team. My parents supported my ambitions, and I headed to Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Looking back, I can see how God had control of my life even when I wasn't following Him. I can especially see His omnipotence during my time in Texas. It all started with the unavailability of on-campus housing. The area I lived in was so dangerous two fellow students were shot and killed while I was there. On top of that, one of my suitemates used cocaine, and I had frequent fights with the other.

Meanwhile, the soccer coach wouldn't even let me try out, saying the roster was already full. It all added up to the hardest

FROM SPORTS STAR TO GOD'S SERVANT

by Cedarville student Jason Heuer '08

and loneliest time of my life. But sometimes God has to strip us of everything, removing all distractions, to make us recognize what really matters.

I started reading the Bible. Each afternoon I made the 20-minute walk back to my room, where I would delve into God's Word. The apostle Paul's words became especially meaningful. One night, on the way to our Wednesday youth group, a feeling swept over me, and I suddenly felt scared for my life. The next few minutes seemed like an eternity. All I could think about was my desperate need for God. A friend was driving, and he prayed with me to accept Christ as my Savior. No flashes of lightning or claps of thunder marked the occasion. The earth did not quake. But it was the most important night of my life. A new beginning ... and I had hope again.

A DREAM COME TRUE

Now a believer, I decided I wanted to attend a Christian college. A friend of mine was at Cedarville at the time, so I looked into it. Though I hit several snags along the way, I was able to get into the University for the fall 2005 semester.

But joining a soccer team still seemed too good to be true. After all, I had no experience, and Cedarville's coach didn't even know I existed. Yet.

The soccer team tryouts were emotionally and physically exhausting. And though the coach continually asked me back to practice, it wasn't until two weeks in that I was officially invited to join the junior varsity squad. Finally, I was on a soccer team!

Thanks to God's grace, I now have two seasons of varsity soccer behind me. But today my thoughts are turned toward ministry and the future. In the summer of 2007, I went with the soccer team to Mexico for two weeks, where we led soccer camps, played against a Mexican university, and shared the Gospel. And this past year I started a men's service organization called Basilean. One of our projects included distributing clothes to an orphanage near my home in Zimbabwe.

That 15-year-old boy stuck in a pew during confirmation dreamed of the fame and fortune that comes with being a top athlete. Though I will always love sports, it is no longer what drives me. I'm not sure what my short-term future looks like. If I can go into ministry and start a Christian community where the people who work and live around me can learn more about God, then I would feel truly blessed. It would be my dream come true. **i**

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Sifting Wheat

Recently I went to the grocery store near our home in Papua New Guinea to do a little shopping. Stopping by the flour section, I picked up a 20-pound bag of whole wheat flour. Now, I knew from past experience that if you pull apart the top of the bag just a little, you can judge approximately how many bugs are likely to be inside.

I definitely did not want the first bag I opened. I tried another. And another. Hmmm ... I had a dilemma. White flour doesn't have bugs since, apparently, bugs are smart enough to know there's nothing in it worth eating. How important was it that my family not eat white flour? Important enough to me that, with a sigh, I resigned myself to the task of having to sift the wheat flour later.

At home, I placed the bag in our freezer, which would prevent the horrid critters from multiplying. A week later, I began sifting the flour, deciding which bugs were small enough to ignore and which were big enough to remove. As I sifted, I started complaining to myself, asking, "Why does something that should be so simple end up being so complicated?" As time went by, my attitude continued to plummet.

That's when God reminded me that this situation was one of the "trials of many kinds" in which James exhorts me to rejoice. Would I fail another test by wallowing in self-pity? Or would I, with God's strength, come one step closer to learning to be content in all situations? Tired of failing, I thanked God for speaking to me.

Next, I fought my complaining attitude with praise. I thanked God that flour was available at our store and that we had enough to eat every day. I praised Him that my children didn't mind the small bugs since they hadn't been raised with the same inhibitions I had and that I had a *haus meri* — a woman who assisted with housework and willingly helped me knead the huge wad of dough. Lastly, I gave thanks that the Spirit of God dwells in me and is turning this poor, weak, cracked vessel into something beautiful for His use.

I returned to the task at hand — making tomato herb bread. After sifting the flour, I added the other ingredients, including a tablespoon of basil and oregano. I paused, realizing that the dough again looked like it was full of bugs.

Maybe I should have added those spices earlier and saved myself a heap of trouble!

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Bringing peace to War

Being an Air Force psychologist offers a unique perspective on military life — and proves to be a great opportunity to share the love of Christ.

by Kara (Niemothka) Gibbs '96

“I was grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside

BEING DEPLOYED WAS SOMETHING Captain Jeremy Haskell '96 knew would be a very real possibility when he interviewed for the clinical psychology position at Wright-Patterson Air Force

Base in Dayton, Ohio. the clinical training director uniform — army green, tan, emphasizing that Jeremy was applying to join an organization that at some point would ask him to deploy.

“I knew exactly what I was getting into,” Jeremy said. “I cannot imagine someone joining the military these days with the thought that they will not be deployed. It’s just part of the job.”

In the spring of 2007, Jeremy learned he would leave in August for a six- to eight-month deployment. He and his wife, Amy (Varner) '96, received the news with excitement and nervousness. “The hardest part was preparing to leave,” he reflected. “You keep thinking about how this will be the last time for a long time that you will play with your girls, read to them, help them say their prayers, tuck them into bed, or have dinner together as a family.”

The Other Side of the Ocean

Within a few months, he arrived in southwest Asia, thousands of miles from anything familiar. He was embarking on a journey that would mark his life forever.

Stepping off the plane onto the tarmac, amid the sandy barren land and sweltering 115-degree heat, Jeremy was proud to join the rest of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing. As one of the largest, most diverse in the Air Force, the 379th has provided combat airpower and support for the Global War on Terrorism in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and for the Joint Task Force Horn of Africa. The wing and its associate units operate more than 100 aircraft, making the base a large hub for humanitarian airlift activity while providing mission-essential combat power, aero-medical evacuation, and intelligence support for three theaters of operations.

Prior to his departure, Jeremy and Amy prayed he would find a strong community of believers that he could connect with while he was gone. God’s provision came promptly. Within a week

of arriving, Jeremy met the physicians with whom he would be working. Six of them were believers and interested in starting a Bible study together. The group gathered weekly throughout the deployment, studying the book of Romans. “Those guys were a terrific source of encouragement to me,” he said.

While deployed, Jeremy served as the primary psychologist, providing the mental health services for the base community and region. “For the majority of my deployment,” he said, “I was the only mental health provider for the Air Force base as well as a nearby Army installation. With approximately 10,000 active duty members, I kept busy.” Jeremy counseled men and women who were struggling to adjust to being away from home, trying to manage combat stress, or dealing with the seriousness of bereavement on the field.

With his signature grin, Jeremy humbly expressed his deep appreciation and admiration for these soldiers who willingly put themselves in harm’s way. “I was grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside them and assist them in dealing with their struggles — from relationship problems back at home to trauma they had experienced in war,” he said. For Jeremy, it was a chance to live out Galatians 6:2 — bearing one another’s burdens and thus fulfilling the law of Christ.

While being gone from family and friends, how can one not reflect on life? Naturally, Jeremy’s thoughts centered on his wife and daughters, whom he refers to as his “gifts.” He realized he had been taking these three wonderful girls for granted. “I have hopefully returned with my priorities a bit more in balance,” he noted.

Coming Home

Jeremy arrived back in the U.S. this past March, walking off the plane into the loving arms of his squealing little girls and teary-eyed wife — a day greatly anticipated by all.

Back home, he continued his position as director of mental health services, practicing as a licensed clinical psychologist. Jeremy’s sole responsibility was to meet with active duty members who were impacted greatly by the rigors and stress of war. Unfortunately, this meant becoming much more

acquainted with the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and prolonged family separations.

“I continually strive to offer a safe environment for



them


and assist them in dealing with their struggles.”

patients to wrestle with real issues,” he said. “It is my hope they can find healthy ways of dealing with stress while acclimating to daily life at home.”

Though glad to be home, Jeremy still finds himself thinking about his time in southwest Asia, saying, “I miss the work.” His sense of purpose and chance to see his fellow soldiers make progress were great blessings to him.

From Cedarville’s campus to the interview with the clinical training director, Jeremy’s journey to become a psychologist for the Air Force was a long one. But it was a path clearly paved by the Lord. Today, he and the chaplains on his base work together closely to care for the community.

“This past week,” he said, “we collaborated to provide a seminar for local pastors on how they can best take care of family members while their spouse, sibling, or parent is deployed. We also continue to help active duty members successfully transition from being deployed to adjusting to life at home.”

Jeremy remains grateful for the many things he learned while he was in southwest Asia. The main thing? “As I participated in my part of this big picture, I found my heart encouraged to pray about opportunities to support veterans through my career,” he said. “I desire to utilize my professional skills and convictions to provide hope in a very difficult and often divisive situation. It is my small part.” 



Jeremy Haskell '96 graduated from Cedarville with a B.A. in psychology. He earned his M.S. in counseling from Shippensburg University in 1998 and a doctorate in clinical psychology from Wheaton College in 2005. His wife, Amy (Varner) '96, graduated from Cedarville with a B.A. in early childhood education and multi-age special education. She currently stays at home with their two daughters, five-year-old Claire and three-year-old Eliza. The Haskell family recently moved to

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**Basketball is her game, evangelism her passion.
This Cedarville record-breaker now hits the international
court with love for the game and for people.**

Playing It Smart

by Mark Womack '82



WITH INFECTIOUS FERVOR and enthusiasm, Brittany Smart '07 brings a unique passion to the basketball court. Not only has she developed her basketball skills to a highly competitive level, but she also has chosen to combine those talents with her desire to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She had a chance to see her two passions at work this past year as a professional basketball player in Belgium — a seven-month experience that changed her life.

Arguably the best women's basketball player to ever hit the court at Cedarville, Brittany has enjoyed the accolades that come with being good at her craft. Yet she has done so with humility and grace.

The 5-foot-9 guard was the 2006–07 NAIA Division II National Player of the Year her senior season, graduating as Ohio's all-time leading scorer for all levels of women's college basketball. The three-time All-American also guided the Lady Jackets to four straight conference titles and four trips to the NAIA national tournament, where she set even more records.

Some Christian athletes who are driven to take their game to the next level have little time for ministry. Others may have the desire to connect sports to missions but don't have the skills to make it possible. Brittany has both.

"When I signed the contract to go to Belgium, it was basketball taking me there, but I had a two-fold reason for going," she explained. "It was to play basketball and share Jesus Christ."

Brittany lived in the city of Verviers, Belgium, from September through April. She was one of the top players, and the only

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American, at the Sprimont Point Chaud basketball club, which competes in the country’s highest division of women’s basketball. While it was an adjustment playing professionally in the international game — and torturous to experience her first-ever losing season — Brittany was most surprised by the spiritual climate of the country.

“They had never even heard of the Gospel,” she said. “It was so new to them that I had to start at the beginning with basics that you’d assume people would know. I was shocked to realize that God put me in a place where the Gospel had not reached at all.”

Resolute in her mission, Brittany reminded herself that her “main priority in playing professional basketball overseas was to use it as a ministry.” However, there was one hurdle that potentially stood in the way — the language barrier. Belgium is a French-speaking country, and Brittany didn’t know a word of the language. But being who she was, she refused to let it be a deterrent.

“If my basketball was good and I was respected on the court, people would listen,” she said. “The important thing is to use the skill and passion the Lord has blessed you with to the fullest.”

Brittany used both lifestyle evangelism and street evangelism in sharing Christ with the people she met in Belgium. “I wanted to demonstrate right away that I’m here for Jesus Christ and that He’s the One who gave me

the talent to play,” she said. “He died on the cross for my sins, and I have hope in a person and a purpose. I wanted to communicate the truth that even when basketball isn’t going well, it’s not the end of the world.”

Brittany depended first and foremost on the Lord to get her through some tough days and to give her the boldness to share Christ. It served as a one-of-a-kind learning experience and brought her closer to God.


“You will only live life abundantly if you rely on Christ,” she said. “I could rely on no other person in Belgium if I was to succeed.”

She also made a personality choice in deciding not to be shy or embarrassed despite being out of her comfort zone. “It allowed me to enjoy the experience,” she said. It certainly didn’t hurt knowing she had the prayer support of her family and friends back home, as well as the spiritual foundation she gained from her University experience.

Her time at Cedarville taught Brittany the importance of knowing what she believes, why she believes it, and where she can find those truths in the Bible. She added, with a laugh, “Maybe I learned more than I thought I did because much of what I learned came back to me.”

Brittany was surprised at how willing the people in Belgium were to listen to the Gospel. “I had so many good conversations, and I know seeds were planted,” she said. “The rest I leave up to the Lord because only He can change a person’s heart.”

Brittany plans to return to Belgium in the fall to continue with the Sprimont team. As for her future professional career, she’s taking one year at a time. But no matter what the Lord has in store as far as basketball is concerned, Brittany wants ministry to be a part of it.

“In everything you do, especially if you want to live a life worthy of Christ, you should use it as an outlet to share Him with others,” said Brittany. “Cedarville was good practice for that.” 

Hailing from Springfield, Ohio, Brittany Smart '07 graduated with a degree in sport and exercise studies. As a student, she participated in MIS trips to Brazil, Costa Rica, and the Dominican Republic with the women’s basketball team. She spent this summer coaching an Amateur Athletic Union girls’ basketball team in Cleveland, Ohio, and training for the upcoming basketball season. You may contact her at bmsmart@alumni.cedarville.edu.

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*"Those who were not told about Him will see, and those who have not heard will understand."
Romans 15:21*

Worldwide Devotion

by Dr. Don Grigorenko

While so many of us see warmer months as an opportunity to relax and go on vacation, many Christians consider the summer an ideal time to be part of a short-term missions experience. So it is fitting to consider the mission task and ask how we can become mature, *global* followers of Christ. Let me offer three suggestions:

First, sharpen your mission focus. Begin by asking a very basic question: What is mission? I believe mission is participating

"We participate with Him as He actively draws men, women, and children to Himself."

with God in restoring lost humanity to fellowship with Him; and He has charged us with taking the message of restoration to those to whom it is unavailable.

A couple of features of this definition are worth highlighting. Notice that mission is God's thing. We participate with Him as He actively draws men, women, and children to Himself. Also, it stands or falls on a clear, relevant presentation of a message of restoration through Christ. And although central to this message is personal salvation, it touches every dimension of life: family, work, social engagement, economics. No stone is left unturned if the Gospel is given free rein. Finally, missionaries seek to initiate a movement of the Gospel among the unreached. This is quite a different task from straight-up evangelism.

Missionaries are trailblazers, bringing the Gospel to places where it is not. Mission is following the apostle Paul's example

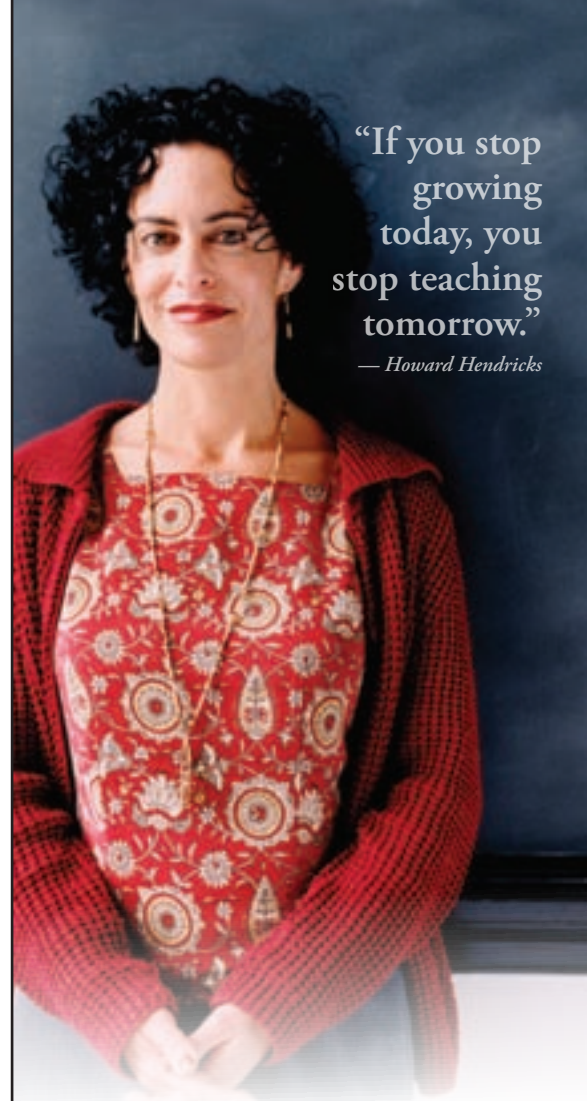
"to preach where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. Rather, as it is written: 'Those who were not told about Him will see, and those who have not heard will understand'" (Romans 15:20–21).

Second, grow in your understanding of your world with special attention to unreached people groups. A great resource for this is the Joshua Project. Visit their website, www.joshuaproject.net, and explore, read, and pray for those groups with spiritual needs. Familiarize yourself with countries like Bosnia, where the tragedy of war has left an abiding hatred between communities, making ministry difficult.

And last, engage another culture where you live. I recently read that the number of Hispanics living in the U.S. is greater than the total populations of Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Bolivia combined. More Latinos live in the U.S. than Canadians in Canada. Fifty-five percent of short-termers routinely go to Spanish-speaking countries, but few will engage the Latinos in their own communities, learn their language, and bring the message of redemption to them.

Of course, you can take many other steps toward becoming a mature, global follower of Jesus, but these three will start your journey.

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a moment in time

Her name was Sen Bing Wen, but she was affectionately called the "Bible Woman," a title reflecting her eagerness to keep God's Word close at all times. Cedarville faculty gave her this name while serving in China at the turn of the century.

Though a hundred years have passed, our desire to minister in China has never wavered. May we continue to share our hearts with the Chinese people for years to come.





Around the World in Many Days

by Dr. Andrew Wiseman

RECENTLY, I MET with an international businessperson who lamented the fact that American companies were forced to hire non-American citizens. “American college graduates just don’t have the linguistic or intercultural skills needed in today’s world,” he said. To make his point, he related a story in which a recent college graduate took his first business trip to Japan to meet a group of upper-level management from Honda. The stoic Japanese businessmen were horrified as the young man greeted the senior vice president for operations with a handshake, backslap, and a “How ya doin’?” — all cultural taboos in Japanese business culture.

Created, in part, to help students avoid such unfortunate miscues, the office of international programs offers study abroad opportunities for all Cedarville students, no matter the major or career plan. Our goal is to provide direct exposure to foreign languages and other aspects of cultures through a meaningful, academic study abroad experience. On campus, students can choose from a wide array of courses in Spanish, German, French, Chinese, and Arabic. They can then further their language and culture studies with a holistic trip to another country, which prepares them to engage the world.

Circling the Globe

One of our most popular programs is located in the bustling city of Seville, Spain.

Students attend classes at the prestigious Universidad de Seville and live with host families, while learning and serving among the Spanish people. Kyle Barnett ’05 (marketing and Spanish) interned and studied for a summer in Seville, completing an international marketing project that led to his current position as regional sales manager for J.Cobo in Central America and the Caribbean. In spring 2008, nine Cedarville students studied in Seville, one of whom was Laura Miller ’08 (individualized studies). Laura interned at an orphanage there, planning to use the experience as a springboard to work with children in the future.

The intensive academic program in Oxford, England, is another popular choice for Cedarville students. They are inducted into an Oxford college and complete one-on-one tutorials with distinguished Oxford faculty. Megan (Waters) Lynch ’08 (international studies) studied in Oxford during fall semester 2006 and spent spring semester 2007 with Debbie Strutton ’08 (international studies) at the Russian Studies Program in Nizhni Novgorod. Megan will attend New York University this fall to begin graduate school in Russian studies, while Debbie will be the resident assistant of the Russian Studies Program.

Europe isn’t the only destination for Cedarville students. Joel Lagan ’08 (international studies) studied and served at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban,

South Africa, in the fall of 2007. Joel received a prestigious Gilman International Scholarship for his studies. He plans to return to Africa to work for a non-government organization in relief and development.

Kristie Ronan '09 (theatre and international studies) spent a semester at Handong Global University in Pohang, South Korea, studying Korean and Bible. She wants to work with theatre companies internationally.

Have Passport; Will Travel

International programs aren't limited to students, however. Dr. Peggy Wilfong (English), Dr. Sandi (Welch) Harner '64 (technical communication), and Dr. Annis Shaver (German) led a group of Cedarville students to Phillips University in Marburg, Germany, for the May term. In June, Dr. Don Deardorff (English) and his wife, Julie (library collection services), taught The English Novel with 11 Cedarville students in Oxford, England. And Dr. Don Grigorenko (Bible) accompanied 10 students to study and serve in Varanasi, India, for seven weeks.

Meanwhile, international programs are experiencing rapid expansion, focusing on



"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page."
— St. Augustine

the growth areas of the global south and east. Along with our academic exchange with Handong Global University in South Korea, we are conducting site visits to potential study centers for Cedarville, including Hong Kong Baptist University. We are sending our first students to the Romanian Studies Program and the Creation Care Program, as well


as implementing a social work course in Uganda. In June, we piloted our Spain program for freshmen, giving them the opportunity to study and live in Seville the summer before attending Cedarville.

A wide array of scholarships is available for students wishing to study abroad, some specifically earmarked for minority students. The office of international programs also promotes the Fulbright Program as well as the Critical Language Program run by the U.S. State Department.

Coming Home

As director of the office of international programs, I often interact with many returning study abroad students. They have taught us that the most important and difficult bridges usually take a long time to

build, and that conveying truth to others often can only happen after that cultural, relational, and linguistic bridge is strong enough to hold the weight of God's truth. Communicating Christ cross-culturally is often complex and difficult, requiring a deeper understanding of the other's world.

The office of international programs strives to help students realize that they are Christians first and that their being Americans should be a distant second. These realizations are important if they are to build bridges of understanding and communicate the Gospel effectively with other cultures. 



Dr. Andrew Wiseman is assistant professor of Spanish and director of the office of international programs. He taught in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, in 2004 as Cedarville's first Fulbright scholar and recently returned from a one-year fellowship with the U.S. Department of State in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Dr. Wiseman, his wife Sevara Tursunkhodjaeva, and five-month-old daughter Jasmine enjoy both real and virtual travel. He has been at Cedarville since August 2000. You may contact him at wisemana@cedarville.edu.

Monroes Minister Overseas

Some people retire with a mind toward an easier life — a condo on a beach somewhere, leisurely excursions, visits with the grandkids. But former Cedarville professors Drs. Allen (social science) and Beverly (education) Monroe did so with a far greater purpose in mind.

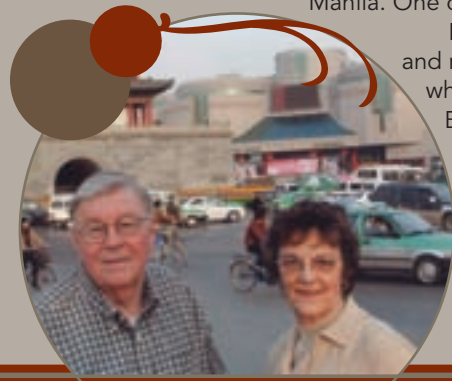
Since retiring from Cedarville in 2002, the couple has enjoyed numerous trips to 12 countries, including Ukraine, Uganda, Bangladesh, and Egypt. Dr. Allen Monroe is a project director with Equipping Pastors International, which involves trips to Africa two to three times a year to teach pastors who have never had the opportunity or resources to attend seminary. Just this past April, he was teaching pastors in Romania while Dr. Beverly Monroe was at their home in North Carolina, having just returned from seven weeks in China and Manila. One of her main overseas tasks is automating libraries in underdeveloped countries.

In 2005, they taught English to members of the Chinese Olympic Committee and ministered to Chinese house churches. Last year, they traveled to Uganda where Beverly spoke to more than 1,000 women. And they went to São Paulo, Brazil, this July for a Word of Life staff retreat, along with speaking opportunities during opening week at Word of Life Seminary in Brazil.

"We're having the time of our lives," said Beverly. "We're grateful for health, stamina, and safety to keep going. We'll go as long as the Lord allows." And yes, Dr. Monroe still sells diamonds on the side.

You may contact Drs. Allen and Beverly Monroe at monroea@citcom.net or monroeb@citcom.net.

Where
Are They
Now?





“Each time I journeyed away from America’s borders, my world grew smaller. ... Those trips abroad showed me the value of seeing the world through someone else’s eyes.”

Before I went to college, the extent of my travels consisted of a few drives across the border into Canada. Somehow, crossing a bridge from Detroit to Ontario didn’t seem very “international.” The city looked familiar, and the people sounded just like me. But a 24-hour flight to Australia with Cedarville’s Missions Involvement Services (MIS) program? Now *that* was something new and exciting. And that experience opened my eyes to an entirely different world.

I have now been to Australia six times and have also led MIS teams to Mexico, Jamaica, and Germany. Each time I journeyed away from America’s borders, my world grew smaller. No longer was Australia a world away; it was just a “quick” plane trip, an aerogram in the mail, or a phone call. Now, e-mail and Facebook put me in touch each week with friends in Australia, Mexico, and South Africa.

Those trips abroad showed me the value of seeing the world through someone else’s eyes. On my first visit to Melbourne, for example, it wasn’t long before my American assumptions were challenged — it’s not that they drive on

the *wrong* side of the road, they drive on the *other* side of the road. Our culture and way of life in the United States are not right, they’re just different.

If you want a little taste of heaven, there’s nothing like worshipping with fellow believers around the world — at a church in Jamaica, an Army post chapel in Germany, or a camp in Mexico. These experiences showed me just how diverse the Church really is and what an immense God we serve!

When I was a student, international travel was a novelty out of reach for many of us. Now hundreds of Cedarville students participate with MIS each year, and about 100 take advantage of our study abroad program. We have more international students and missionary kids on our campus than ever before. And many alumni live and work abroad. Cedarville has developed an international influence, no doubt.

Pastor Harold Green (“P.G.”) used to say that if students traveled with MIS once, they had a 25 percent chance of serving overseas. The probability multiplied each time they went back. That was true for Kari Eaves ’03. She

took her first trip as a student in 2001 and then went again as a team leader from 2004 to 2007. Today she works with Janz Team Ministries in Germany. Joe ’02 and Jenna (Caron) Blakey ’02 traveled to Mexico on an MIS trip their senior year. Joe is now the principal of the Christian school where they ministered on that trip. Bobby ’90 and Sara (Sweetland) Hile ’92 started dating on an MIS trip to South Africa as students and were engaged the following year on another MIS trip to South Africa — and today Bobby pastors a church in, of all places, Ballito, South Africa!

As you read this issue of *Inspire*, I hope you are challenged by the ways our grads are serving God around the world. Be inspired to take steps outside your own comfort zone. Consider the world beyond your own borders!

Jeff Beste ’87
Director of Alumni Relations

chapter focus — grand rapids



On May 9, 2008, more than 40 alumni and their families (pictured at left) met at Jamestown Baptist Church in Hudsonville, Michigan, for an evening of food and fellowship. The event was hosted by the Grand Rapids Chapter Leadership Team.

It was the evening before the annual Fifth Third River Bank Run, so we thought we would help the runners prepare for the big race! The guests reconnected with friends while enjoying an all-you-can-eat pasta buffet.

We need you! We currently have 19 alumni chapters all over the United States, with more chapters coming soon. If you live in Grand Rapids, Michigan; Greenville, South Carolina; or Indianapolis, Indiana, then we have a special opportunity for you. We are recruiting committed alumni to serve on the chapter leadership teams in these areas. In addition to planning two events per year in their area, team members also help connect alumni with each other and with Cedarville. Even if you don't live in any of these cities, there may be a chapter leadership team that needs you.

For more information about chapters and to see who is on the leadership team in your area, visit www.cedarville.edu/alumnichapters. Please contact Michelle (Rigel) McCune '04, assistant director of alumni relations, at mmccune@cedarville.edu if you have any questions or want more information about this exciting endeavor.

1960s



Sandi (Welch) Harner '64 and her husband, Don, visited **Jake '65** and **Carol (Henson) Osborn '64** for spring break in Sebring, Florida. The Osborns hosted a luau with guests (pictured left to right) **Jim Sprague '64** and Jennifer, **Jerry '66** and **Barbara (Unzicker) Eaton '64**, **Jake** and **Carol**, **Marvin '65** and **Joan (Carter) Stephens '65**, and Sandi and Don.

Daniel '69 and **Carol (Beer) Kinniburgh '69** celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary in July 2008. They reside in Marion, Montana.

1970s

Jayne (Eberling) Schooler '74 and her husband, David, spent 33 years in full-time pastoral ministry and are now on a mission assignment in Kyrgyzstan. David is training laymen and pastors. Jayne is partnering with orphanage caregivers and social workers to start to build a healthy child welfare system.

Litsa (Dritsas) Kirby '75 received her master's degree in instruction and curriculum. She continues to enjoy teaching in the International Baccalaureate program at Lakewood High School in Lakewood, Colorado. Her husband, **Linden '74**, is the president of Excel Ministries, Inc. He recently brought on two more consultants to assist in capital stewardship campaigns for evangelical churches. Through these campaigns, Linden has helped raise millions of dollars for churches since 1998.

1980s

Brian '80 and **Beth (Namy) Riggs '81** are stationed at Randolph Air Force Base in Universal City, Texas. Brian is a colonel as a medical service corps officer. Beth is a homemaker and part-time paraprofessional substitute.

Valde Garcia '81, state senator in Michigan, traveled to Washington, D.C., in May where he dined at the White House, toured the Pentagon, and met with National Guard personnel about bringing more military jobs to Michigan. With 27 years in the Army National Guard, Valde also serves as vice chair of the State Senate Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies Committee.

Ruth (Snook) Cook '85 of New Concord, Ohio, accepted Christ as her Savior in January 1997. She was brought up in a Christian home, but it wasn't until later in life that she realized she needed to be saved from her sins. She made the announcement at her 20-year class reunion. Ruth and her husband, Jay, were married September 3, 2005. Ruth has a son, Jake Coen (12), from a previous marriage.

Susan (Blake) Haaland '86 is a tax attorney in Sacramento, California. For 17 years, she has worked for various elected Republican officials, including Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and is currently with the staff of Bill Leonard, a member of the California State Board of Equalization. She and her husband, Doug, were married in 2002 and are members of Arcade Christian Church in Sacramento. Susan also has been on two missions trips to Cambodia.

recent events



April 11 — Brunch With Dannah
Speaker and author Dannah (Barker) Gresh '89 recently spoke to more than 100 women at Cedarville. After a delicious brunch, Dannah talked with them about believing God's promises.



May 9 — On-campus Alumni Reunion
Friends who graduated in the 1990s reminisced about their college days while visiting campus. The group met at the alumni office and received Welcome Back Packs. They came from Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.



May 15 — Atlanta, Georgia
Dr. Brown enjoyed meeting approximately 80 guests for dinner at the Marriott Atlanta Century Center. Guests heard from Dr. Brown about his vision for Cedarville and updates from campus.



Paul '88 and Laurie (Potter) Muckley '89 announce the surprise adoption of Niall Potter, born February 10, 2008. Their daughter, Hollyann (7), and Niall have the same birth mother, who contacted the adoption agency to see if Paul and Laurie would raise this baby, too. Niall joined the family, which also includes big brother Jayden (5). Laurie is a full-time mom, and Paul is senior editor for nonfiction at Barbour Publishing, Inc.



Greg Hopwood '89 and his family have been called to serve in the Middle East, where they teach English, study Arabic, and help refugees.

1990s



Scott Poling '90 successfully completed the Boston Marathon in the spring and has qualified for the 2009 New York Marathon. He and his wife, **Carla (Curry) '89**, have five children and live in Oswego, Illinois, where Scott is a pastor at Harvest Baptist Church.



Tracy Wemett '90 went on her first of many tours of Ghana, working with the Safe Haven Project to provide HIV/AIDS education to students. She continues to mentor at-risk youth in Boston, while serving as president of BroadPR, a small public relations firm.



David '93 and Tonya (Mascari) Malone '92 announce the birth of George David on December 28, 2007. He was welcomed home by his three sisters, Sydney (8), Rebekah (5), and Caroline (3), in Hilliard, Ohio. David is a supervisor for a semi-custom homes builder.



Brian Nettleingham '93 has been named a shareholder of the Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller, P.C. law firm in Southfield, Michigan.



Curt '93 and Angie (Henry) Pearson '94 announce the birth of Alyssa Faith on November 16, 2007. She was welcomed home by seven siblings, Ashley, Megan, Bryan, Krista, Tyler, Caleb, and Sierra. The Pearsons farm in Corning, Iowa.



Chad Showalter '93 and his wife, Deborah, announce the birth of Rachel Sophia on March 31, 2007. They live in Columbus, Ohio.



Rachel (McDonald) Yanac '93 and her husband, Ade, work with Wycliffe Bible Translators, serving in Peru since 1998. In August 2007, they helped missionary and Quechua colleagues host the long-awaited dedication of the Huaylas Quechua New Testament. They currently teach literacy and Bible study skills and hike into the Andes Mountains to show the *Jesus* film.



Dayton McEwen '95 and his wife, Beverly, announce the birth of Kessa Mae on October 29, 2006. She joined her sisters, Karys (3) and Claire (16 months), in Jupiter, Florida. Dayton is in his sixth year at his warranty firm, and Bev enjoys staying at home with the girls.



John '95 and Sharon (Swanson) Murphy '93 announce the adoption of Elijah Abdu John. Elijah was born in Ethiopia on September 29, 2000, and joined the family in America on August 18, 2007. His new siblings, Ethan (8), Lily (6), and Isabel (4), welcomed him home in Kirksville, Missouri. John works as a private land biologist, and Sharon is a full-time, homeschooling mom.

Jason Thompson '95 is the zone director for the northeast region of Brinkmann Instruments.



Scott '96 and Joy (Wickholm) Bennett '98 announce the births of their children. Samuel was born on September 22, 2002, Anna on March 18, 2005, and Luke on July 23, 2007.

They joined older sister Elli in Mason, Ohio. Scott is a brand manager for Procter & Gamble, and Joy works part time as parent coordinator of the Family Advisory Council at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Please pray for Elli and Luke, who were each born with congenital heart defects.

Jim '96 and Jeanne (Carlton) Cramer '99 announce the birth of Grace Elisabeth on August 23, 2007. Her brother, Harrison (2), awaited her arrival in Springfield, Ohio. Jim is a systems engineer for EasyLink Services International Corporation, and Jeanne enjoys staying at home with the children.



Jason Kinniburgh '96 and his wife, Mary, announce the birth of their identical twin girls. Olivia Belle and Sophia Elizabeth were born November 8, 2007, and joined their siblings, Emmaline (5) and Izaac (4), in Hayfield, Minnesota. Jason is a nurse manager of the surgical trauma ICU at Mayo Clinic.



Aaron '96 and Debbie (Rotman) Roberts '95 announce the birth of Benjamin Matthew on December 11, 2006. Aaron is an officer for Fifth Third Bank, and Debbie is a part-time fifth-grade teacher for Lakota Local School District. They live in West Chester, Ohio, and attend Grace Bible Presbyterian Church in Sharonville.

recent events



May 22 — Los Angeles Chapter Event
More than 60 alumni and other guests joined Dr. Brown and Jeff Beste '87 for dinner at the Claim Jumper Restaurant in Fountain Valley, California. Guests enjoyed asking Dr. Brown questions, including whether he is now a Buckeyes fan!



June 2 — Indianapolis Chapter Event
Although the Indianapolis Indians didn't win, it was a great night at the ballpark for more than 100 alumni and their families. Guests enjoyed getting to know one another and meeting members of the alumni relations staff.



June 9 — Greenville Chapter Event
Several alumni and their families gathered at East North Street Baptist Church to enjoy a performance by the Lifeline Players. Dessert was served afterward, allowing everyone to fellowship.



Mark '96 and Kristin (Rinehart) Totten '96 announce the birth of Grace Maree on May 12, 2007. Mark and Kristin are both attorneys and live in Michigan.



Abigail (Brown) Wagler '96 and her husband, James, announce the birth of Jillian Faith. She was born January 18, 2007, and was welcomed home by her sisters, Elizabeth (6) and Grace (4), in Fremont, Indiana. Abigail enjoys staying home with the girls, and James owns a plumbing and heating business.



Brian '97 and Sarah (Laramore) Naess '96 announce the birth of Johan Olaf on December 30, 2006. Big sister Hannah (3) awaited his arrival in Pickerington, Ohio.



Renee (Tuinstra) Trexler '97 and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Sarah Grace. She was born March 5, 2008, and was welcomed home by Nathaniel (6), Hannah (4), and Lydia (2) in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Michael is a hospital physician, and Renee stays home and homeschools the children.



Phil Wittmer '97 and his wife, Mackensie, hosted a playdate at their home in Dayton, Ohio, in December 2007 which included (left to right) their son, Ben; Ethan McKanna, son of **Brent McKanna '96** and Melissa; Sophia and Lillian Black, daughters of **Jim Black '96** and Carrie; and Ava and Carter Button, children of **Mark '97 and Amy (Cartzendafner) Button '97**.



Jon Woolley '97 and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of Hannah Marie, who arrived 10 weeks early on January 21, 2008. Hannah was able to come home from the hospital on February 26 and is a healthy, happy baby. They reside in Dublin, Ohio.



Joel Foerch '98 and his wife, Kaleen, announce the birth of Aiden Joel on November 29, 2006. The family resides in Holland, Michigan, where Joel is an engineer at Johnson Controls and Kaleen is a part-time dental hygienist.



Amy (Thayer) Haeck '98 and her husband, Nathan, announce the birth of Jillian Rose on April 16, 2007. They reside in Meadville, Pennsylvania, where Amy practices dentistry and Nathan is employed in human resources.

Dustin Hansen '98 and his wife, JeongYun, were married April 28, 2007. Dustin is a captain in the U.S. Air Force, and JeongYun is an international marketing manager. They reside in Spring Lake, North Carolina.



Sheri (Wilson) Jones '98 and her husband, Brad, are missionary appointees to Mexico with Baptist Bible Fellowship. They will help establish churches and host missions trips for American churches. They have two children, Julianna Faith (4) and Tyler Daniel (2).



Stephen Slates '98 and his wife, Joy, announce the birth of Karina Angeline. She

was born November 8, 2007, and joined her sisters, Nadia (3), Eliana (3), and Mikaya (18 months), in Aurora, Illinois. Stephen is a second-grade teacher in Wheaton.



Joanna (Cormany) Howard '99 and her husband, Joseph, announce the birth of Daniel Joseph on January 14, 2008. His sister, Zara (21 months), welcomed him home. Joseph is a second-year Dallas Theological Seminary student, and Joanna stays at home.

Shalom Kester '99 is an assistant director for a preschool/daycare. She resides in Frederick, Maryland, and is taking online courses toward a master's degree in professional counseling.

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Saving Lives in Asia

One Cedarville alumnus is using his skills and abilities to save lives in the country of Cambodia.

Donnie Woodyard '99 currently resides in Siem Reap, Cambodia, where he's enjoying a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. After five days in Vietnam in February, meeting with ministry and health directors and the World Health Organization (WHO), Donnie has transitioned into a regional impact position — a consultant role for EMS system development in Asia.

"We are working on a concept system to deliver essential emergency care to the most rural, remote, and poor populations," he said. "Our dream is to teach everybody how to stop hemorrhages, splint fractures, and open airways."

Returning to Cambodia in March, Donnie traveled to Phnom Penh, where he met with top Ministry of Health (MOH) officials, the Secretary of State, and, again, the WHO. With the MOH close to accepting a national policy for EMS, as well as appointing a board, Donnie is, needless to say, excited about the possibilities. In the meantime, he has almost finished translating a textbook into the Khmer language and is developing an ambulance service base at the Angkor Children's Hospital.

In a letter to Cedarville's University Medical Services, he wrote, "I so appreciate all the training, teaching, encouragement, and prayer I received during my time at Cedarville. I never could have imagined the blessings in my life 10 years later!"

You may contact Donnie at donwoodyard@hotmail.com.

recent events



June 14 — Miami Valley Chapter Event

Many alumni and their families enjoyed visiting the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton and sharing Cedarville memories.



June 21 — Seattle Chapter Event

Alumni and their families enjoyed a vigorous hike to the summit of Tiger Mountain and had a great time connecting over lunch.

upcoming events

August 9

Chicago, Illinois | Chapter Event with Jeff Beste '87 and Dick Walker

August 11

Milwaukee, Wisconsin | Regional Event with Jeff Beste '87

August 12

Peoria, Illinois | Regional Event with Jeff Beste '87

August 16

Portland, Maine | Chapter Event

September 6

Boston, Massachusetts | Chapter Event

September 20

South Central Pennsylvania | Chapter Event with Dr. and Mrs. Bill Brown

September 27

Nashville, Tennessee | Chapter Event

October 18

Dallas, Texas | Chapter Event

October 24

Maine | Chapter Event

November 8

Huntington, West Virginia | Regional Event with Dr. Bill Brown

For more events, visit www.cedarville.edu/alumnievents.



Tim '99 and Kim (McKenzie) Lehr '99

announce the adoption of their son, Matthew Marat, on July 9, 2007. They traveled to Kyrgyzstan to be united with their son. After teaching for the past eight years, Kim now stays home with Matthew. Tim is a system administrator for Hyland Software, Inc.



Shawn '99 and Erin (Reagan) Lundvall '99

announce the birth of Liam Alexander on June 12, 2007. He was welcomed home by big brother Lucas (3). They reside in Midlothian, Virginia, where Shawn assists the local sales team for IBM. After teaching for several years, Erin now stays at home.



Jon McGinnis '99 was ordained by Berean Baptist Church in Portage, Michigan, on February 17, 2008. He and his wife, **Joni (Shearer) '00**, have four children, Katie (8), Meghan (7), Irelynd (1), and J.D. (8 months).



Will Scotton '99 and **Jamie Dodson '98** were married January 21, 2006, in Indianapolis, Indiana. They reside in Indianapolis, where Will is a nurse practitioner and Jamie is an oncology nurse.



Sarah (Carr) Slivosky '99 and her husband, David, announce the birth of their twin sons, Adam David and Matthew George. They were born on April 13, 2007, in Baltimore, Maryland.

2000s



Philip '00 and **Charisa (Ripma) Ausfahl '01** announce the birth of Ian Christopher on August 25, 2007. He joined Sierra (3) and Corban (1) at home in Washington, Illinois. Philip is a data link engineer at Caterpillar, Inc., and Charisa enjoys staying home.



Chris (Gideon) Meyer '00 and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of Bethany Rachel on January 22, 2008. She was welcomed home by Haley Elizabeth (6) and Caelan Ruth (2). The Meyers reside in Martensdale, Iowa, where Chris is a stay-at-home mom and Scott is a network administrator.



Jason Overturf '00 and his wife, Reese, announce the birth of Addison Nicole on September 22, 2007. Jason is an account executive for BranchServ, a conventional and electronic security supplier to financial institutions. They reside in Durham, North Carolina.

Christine Schmidt '00 received her B.S.B.A. degree from Gwynedd-Mercy College in August 2007.

Nathan '00 and Mandy (Mullen) Wright '00 announce the birth of Katherine Naomi on May 2, 2006. They reside in Missouri City, Texas.



Chris Brewer '01 and his wife, Rachel, announce the birth of Samuel J. Edwin on December 19, 2007. His brother, John, welcomed him home in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Chris works for Universal Forest Products and is finishing his Master of Divinity.



Rebecca (Leatherman) Michalak '00 and her husband, Jarrod, announce the birth of Logan Josiah on March 17, 2007. Big brother Austin (3) awaited his arrival in Harleysville, Pennsylvania. Rebecca enjoys being at home, and Jarrod works in the family business.



Tara (Swaney) Warrington '00 and her husband, Stephen, announce the births of Griffin Michael, born on July 29, 2005, and Madelyn Faye, born on March 9, 2007. They reside in Simpsonville, South Carolina.



Jason '01 and Geneva (Roberts) Hall '00 announce the birth of Lauren Rylee on July 25, 2007. They were married June 21, 2003, in Williston, Vermont. After Jason completed his medical degree, they moved to Indianapolis, Indiana. Geneva enjoys caring for Lauren.

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Keeping Hope Alive in Africa

When Gertjan "GJ" Flikweert '04 returned from a missions trip to China last summer, he knew it was already time to start planning his summer 2008 internship. Continuing his partnership with WorldVenture and working with kids were his top priorities as he looked for summer plans. So when the possibility arose of joining WorldVenture's Hope Alive! project in Uganda, Africa, GJ jumped on the opportunity.

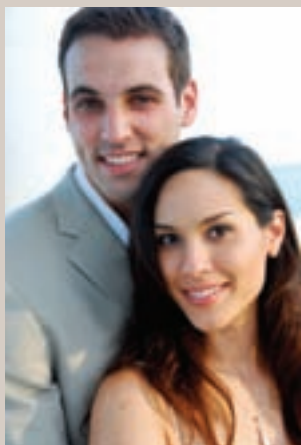
An operations management major currently enrolled in the M.B.A. program at Boston University, GJ spent 11 weeks this summer with Hope Alive!, a relief project with a mission to "bring the healing hope of Jesus to the hurting children of Africa." The project allowed GJ to combine his career training and love for kids into one unforgettable experience.

Besides developing a strategic plan for the ministry's future, GJ recommended policies that will help the project run more effectively. His main task was assisting the director, but he most enjoyed spending time with the children.

"My time at Cedarville taught me that the Christian life is not separate from the work life," he said. "You should be able to integrate both. This is just one way I can apply my education to Kingdom work."

You may contact GJ at gertjan@usa.com.

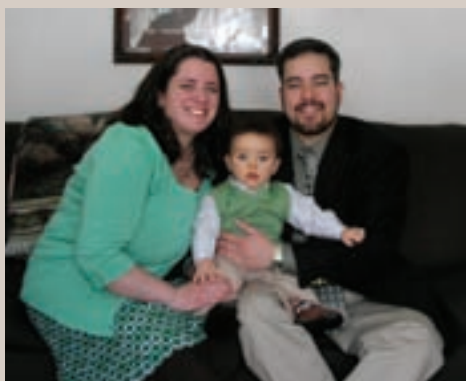
"My time at Cedarville taught me that the Christian life is not separate from the work life."



Linda Knauer '01 and Michael Steppenbacker were married May 8, 2007, in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Linda is a commercial insurance producer, and Mike is a commercial lender. They reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Erin (Lee) Medley '01 and her husband, Joel, announce the birth of Brandt Jackson on November 13, 2007. After nearly seven years of teaching, Erin is thankful to be able to stay home with Brandt in Willow Spring, North Carolina. Joel is a consultant with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.



Charles '02 and **Rebecca (Amstutz) Aman '02** announce the birth of Evan Peter on July 6, 2007. Chuck is an NVH lab manager at Paulstra CRC, and Rebecca works one day a week as a pediatric urology nurse. They live in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Brian Basner '02 and Jennifer Winiecki were married August 25, 2006. They reside in New Jersey, where Brian is a financial analyst and budget manager and Jennifer is an elementary school teacher.



Mark '02 and **Melanie (Kurzen) Boertje '03** announce the birth of Addison Renee on March 16, 2008. After teaching for five years, Mark plans to work in a school psychology position. Melanie stays at home with Addison in Franklin, Ohio, after teaching for four years.



Benjamin DeLong '02 and **Danielle Marzano '02** were married July 20, 2002. Ben is an ordained minister and started Focus Community Church in September 2007. Danielle will complete her doctoral studies in August 2008. They live in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania.



Adam '02 and **Michelle (Drumheller) Dennis '03** announce the birth of Charles Andrew on June 7, 2007. Adam is the worship pastor at East Bay Calvary Church, and Michelle enjoys staying at home with Charlie. They reside in Traverse City, Michigan.



Matt '02 and **Sarah (Daniels) Peeler '03** announce the birth of Olivia Kathryn on February 28, 2008. Alaina (2) welcomed her home in Coatesville, Pennsylvania. Matt is a senior systems engineer with an IT consulting firm, and Sarah enjoys staying at home.



Keith '02 and **Karin (O'Connell) Peters '03** announce the birth of Miriam Elizabeth on January 13, 2008. Big sister Lianna (2) welcomed her home in Lincoln, Nebraska. Karin passed the CPA exam and received her certificate the day after coming home from the hospital.

Amanda (Hancock) Skiles '02 has completed the requirements to become a certified building designer, and she now works for an engineering firm. Her husband, **OJ '05**, is a registered nurse in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



Jennifer (Case) Thompson '02 and her husband, Tyler, announce the birth of Zachary Milton on February 2, 2007. They reside in Clayton, North Carolina, where Jennifer stays home with Zach and Tyler is a business systems analyst for the state.



Megan (Potter) Allen '03 and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of Joshua Potter on January 10, 2008. Megan is a laboratory assistant, and Scott is a middle school math teacher. They reside in Fincastle, Virginia.



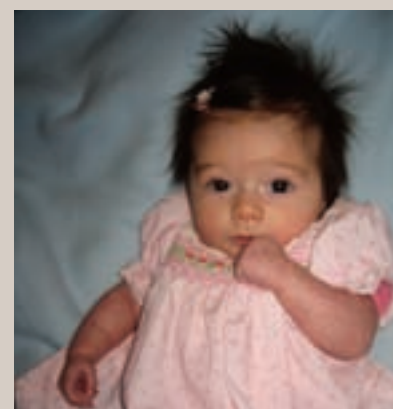
Matt Dunn '03 and **Bethany Hochstaetter '05** were married August 25, 2007. Matt is a firefighter, paramedic, and fire safety inspector with the Cincinnati Fire Department, and Bethany works at Miami Valley Hospital.



Jessica (Dunning) Haynes '03 and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of Eden Ruth on April 30, 2007. Big brother Elijah (2) welcomed her home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Jessica is a stay-at-home mom and a financial manager. Mark is a student at Piedmont Baptist College and works as an aircraft mechanic.



Jason Headlee '03 and Jennifer Knorr were married August 25, 2007. They reside in Pottersville, New York, where they work for Word of Life Bible Institute.



Nate '03 and **Leah (Foss) Leman '04** announce the birth of Kyla Noel. She was born in Chengdu, China, on November 10, 2007. Nate taught at Chengdu International School for four years before the family moved back to Chicago in July.

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Celebrating 95 Years of Memories

More than 200 friends, neighbors, and former students filled the First United Methodist Church in London, Ohio, on April 27 to celebrate the 95th birthday of Geraldine Henry '41.

"I didn't think anyone would show up," she said with a shy smile. But show up they did, bringing cards and flowers, sharing laughs and memories. Kim (Botta) Longo '02 (pictured at left with Geraldine) and other Cedarville alumni were among some of the guests.

Geraldine grew up in Clark County (Ohio) during the Great Depression and attended Cedarville College after graduating from Catawba (now Northeastern) High School in 1932. Since two years of college were all she needed to teach grade school, that's what she did. But she came back every summer until she finally graduated with a B.S. degree in education in 1941.

After teaching for the Clark County Northeastern District for more than three decades, Geraldine retired in 1969. "I taught for 35 years," she said, "and never went to work one day. I loved the students, and I loved what I was doing." She moved to London in 1945 and has been an active member of the First United Methodist Church ever since.

As for Cedarville, Geraldine has fond memories of her alma mater. Like most of the students today, she particularly enjoyed the daily chapels.

So, what is her secret to a long life? "I eat like a farmhand," Geraldine said. "I have never missed breakfast, and I still have a good appetite."

You may contact her by calling 740-852-2260.



More Than Words

Thank you for the letters, notes, and photos you sent in honor of Professor Ed Spencer and his remarkable teaching career at Cedarville. The items were placed in a one-of-a-kind memory book (shown in picture at left) that Mr. Spencer received at his retirement dinner on April 15.

For almost 50 years, this man has inspired Cedarville students with his passion for literature. For some, he was like a grandfather introducing them to classic works by Shakespeare and Tolstoy. For most, Mr. Spencer was a memorable teacher and someone they continue to greatly admire.

“He’s so personable,” said one student. “He can’t walk down the hallway without getting at least five hugs.”

“You don’t forget him,” said another.

Having earned his B.A. from Ashland College in 1947, Mr. Spencer went on to receive an M.Th. from Faith Seminary in 1951 and an M.A. from the University of Dayton in 1968. He then completed his graduate study at Bowling Green State University in 1969.

“Ed is an iconic personality at the University, the kind of professor who influences generations of students,” said Dr. Kevin Heath, chair of the language and literature department. “He has served with distinction, and his retirement marks the passing of an era at Cedarville. There will never be another Ed Spencer.”



Carissa Smith '03 and **Jamie Goodlet** were married on July 7, 2007, and currently reside in Youngstown, Ohio. Carissa is a teacher and received a master’s degree in educational administration in December 2007.



Paul '04 and **Sharon (Hershey) Miller '04** announce the birth of **Jordan Paul** on June 28, 2007. Paul is a learning support teacher for fifth- and sixth-grade students in the Bensalem Township School District. Sharon now stays at home with Jordan. They reside in Bensalem, Pennsylvania.



Anthony '05 and **Tami (Gheen) Delimpo '05** announce the birth of **Levi Walker** on December 4, 2007. Anthony is a Lexington police officer, and Tami loves staying at home with Levi. They reside in Midway, Kentucky.



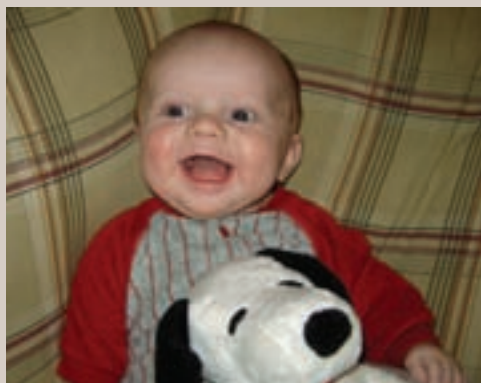
Jennifer Bogenschutz '04 and **Jeremy Burgess** were married June 2, 2007, in Xenia, Ohio. They reside in Wilmington, Ohio.



Chris '04 and **Sarah (Patton) Rice '04** announce the birth of **Ezri Nola** on June 3, 2007. They reside in Xenia, Ohio.



Robby '05 and **Laureann (Osenni) Haynes '05** announce the birth of **Carter Philip** on September 16, 2007. They reside in Brownsburg, Indiana.



Jonathan '06 and Kristy (Griffith) Hill '96 announce the birth of Caleb Jackson on October 24, 2007. They thank God for such a blessing through adoption. They live in Garland, Texas, where Jon works security for Fellowship Church while he pursues a master's degree. Kristy enjoys being a full-time mom.

In Memory

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of these dear loved ones.

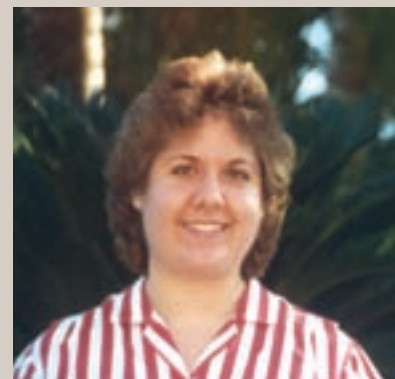
Joyce Grant '62 of Silvis, Illinois, went home to be with her Savior on September 4, 2007, after a lingering illness. She was an elementary teacher for 29 years and earned a Master of Education degree. Joyce enjoyed playing the organ at church, teaching Sunday school, directing special programs, and especially organizing the puppet ministry.

Aloha Patch '63 passed away at her home in Rochester, Minnesota, on December 6, 2006. She was born October 7, 1935, in Austin, Minnesota. After graduating from Cedarville, she moved to Chicago where she worked as a medical technologist for a year. She then headed west to Los Angeles, California, where

she lived for more than 30 years with her sister. Aloha worked at three different hospitals as a clinical lab scientist. She retired in 2001 from Garden Grove Hospital in California and then moved to Rochester, Minnesota, to be closer to relatives. Her hobbies included painting, woodcrafts, reading, and travel.

Valerie L. (Merryman) Hood '66 of Florence, Oregon, passed away on April 12, 2008, due to injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. While at Cedarville, Valerie earned degrees in Bible, biology, and chemistry. After graduating, she worked at the University of California in Irvine, then moved to the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, where she was employed as a lab technician and operated the electro-microscope in research. When she retired in 1996, Valerie moved to the Florence area and worked at the Ninth Street Pharmacy. She loved fishing, boating, working in computer graphics, and traveling by motor home. Valerie is survived by her husband of 32 years and three stepdaughters.

Donald Herbert Smith '77 of Baltimore, Maryland, passed away on April 1, 2008, after battling lung cancer. Upon graduating from Cedarville, Don served in the U.S. Air Force before completing two master's degrees in psychology and computer technology and later receiving a doctorate degree in education. At the time of his death, he worked as the chief consultant and IT manager at the San Diego State University Research Foundation. His friends and family members remember him for his sense of humor, easy-going personality, and servant's heart. Don leaves behind his mother, a sister and brother, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.



Cynthia (Dull) Griebenow '85 passed away on January 16, 2002, when she was involved in an automobile crash. She graduated with a degree in elementary education and lived in Panama for 15 years as a teacher to missionary kids. Cindy later worked with learning-disabled children in Michigan's Jackson County. She is survived by her mother and a sister.

Daniel H. Rase '87 of Portsmouth, Ohio, passed away on March 17, 2008. After graduating from Cedarville, he served as the youth pastor at Calvary Baptist Church and Twin Valley Baptist Church. Most recently, he was the youth and children's ministries minister at Temple Baptist Church. In addition, Dan was a former hospice and Southern Ohio Medical Center chaplain and chairman of CRADLE Crisis Pregnancy Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; his daughter, McKayla "Kaylee"; his parents; and a sister.

Updates may be sent to Alumni Relations, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, Ohio 45314 or e-mailed to alumni@cedarville.edu. For guidelines and requirements, visit www.cedarville.edu/inspire.

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Putting the "Care" in Career

For two years, Jonathan Coleman '05 has ministered to children in the Dominican Republic (DR) as a member of a Kids Alive International team. Some people might see that as a good missionary stint before starting a "real" career. But for this management major from Jackson, Missouri, it was just the beginning. Working with kids is now his career.

"I realized that helping at-risk children, especially those living in poverty, was more than just a passing interest for me," he said. "It's something I want to do long-term." In fact, Jonathan's work in the DR completely changed his mindset about life, setting him on a course that is now leading in the direction of Sudan.

Jonathan discovered that the skill sets and experiences he gained in the DR make him well-suited for the troubled African nation. He noted, "I'm young, single, and enjoy being stretched in how and where I live my life, so it seems an easy decision to go where many either can't or don't want to go."

Jonathan currently is in the U.S. raising support. Next, he'll head to Lebanon for three months of language school. He will then join his new Kids Alive team as assistant field director, working under the Sudanese man in charge of the five ministry locations there.

"I'm taking a solid biblical foundation from my years at Cedarville," he said. "With that basis, I've been able to determine how I can best live out this faith that I profess."

You may contact Jonathan at jcoleman@alumni.cedarville.edu.

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Cedarville Celebrates Commencement 2008

On May 3, the University celebrated its 112th commencement and conferred degrees on more than 650 students.

Dr. Kay Coles James, founder and president of The Gloucester Institute, delivered the commencement address. She challenged the class to become students of culture who are able to defend positions based on biblical principles. Referencing Ephesians 6:10, Dr. James concluded, "Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God."

Appointed by President George W. Bush, Dr. James served as director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. She has worked with dozens of for-profit and not-for-profit organizations and has experience in every sector of America's economy.

At this year's commencement, three graduates were honored with the University's most prestigious student award, the President's Trophy, which recognizes leadership, ministry, community and campus involvement, athletic performance, and academic achievement. The 2008 recipients were Kristie Febo, a Spanish major from Coventry, Rhode Island; Micah Martin, a music performance major from Morning Sun, Iowa; and Bingja Grace (Zhang) Phillips, a psychology major from Cedarville, Ohio.

The Faculty Scholarship Award was presented to six students who maintained 4.0 grade point averages throughout their college careers. The recipients were Joshua Garling, a computer science major from Westerville, Ohio; Kevin Gulley, a biology major from Wheelersburg, Ohio; Jacob Kern, a comprehensive Bible major from Wooster, Ohio; Brett Smith, a philosophy major from New London, Ohio; Megan (Waters) Lynch, an international studies major from New Albany, Indiana; and Laura Ziegenfus, a Spanish multi-age education major from Binghamton, New York.

The class of 2008 presented a financial donation in honor of classmate Dan Knudsen, who suffered a paralyzing spinal cord injury during an international missions trip. The gift will be used to reconfigure a portion of a men's residence hall to provide on-campus housing for a male student needing advanced physical care.







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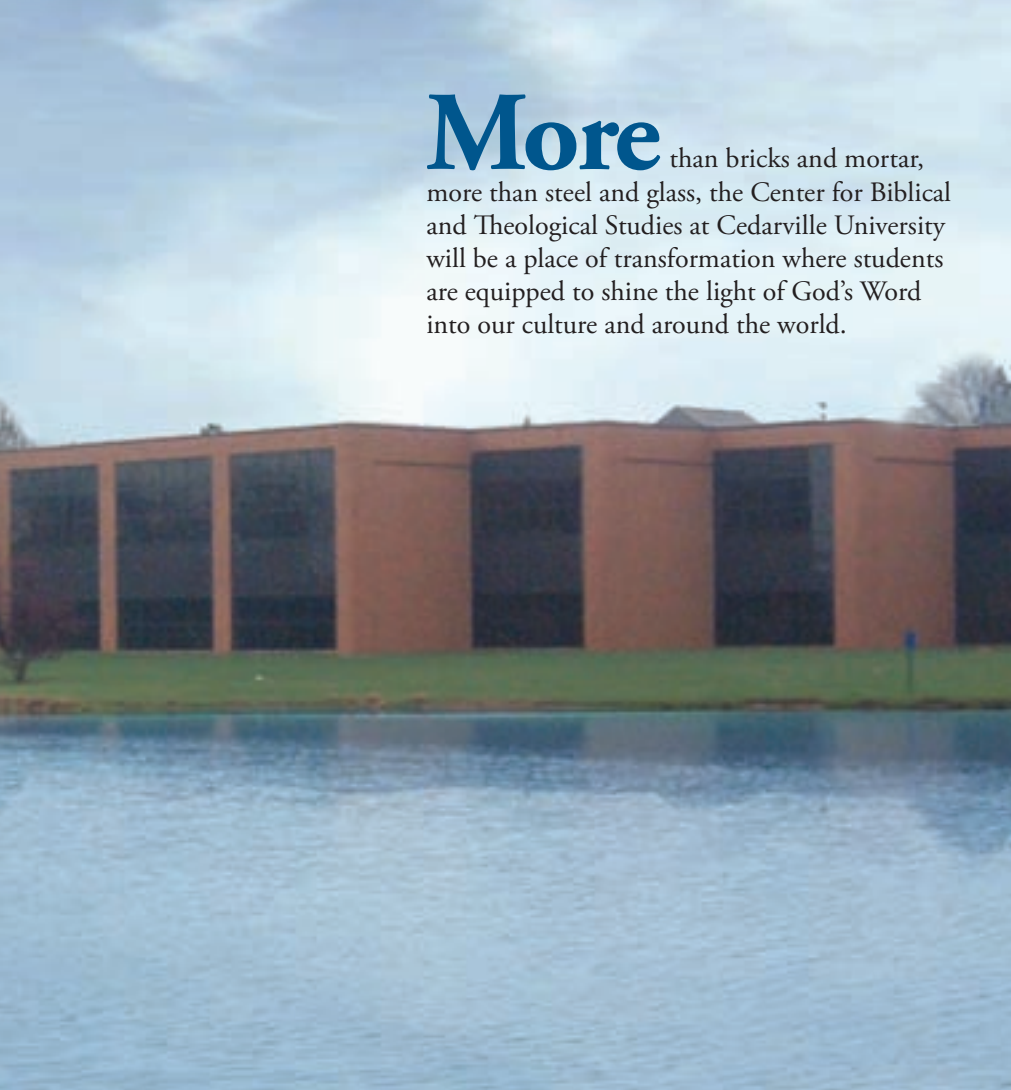
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My Heart for International Ministry

by Dr. William E. Brown

Dr. Brown's Top Picks

■ Book

The Reason for God by Tim Keller

Tim is a pastor in Manhattan, and he tackles old questions about God (the problem of evil, etc.) with a freshness that resonates with our postmodern generation.

■ Website

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■ Movie

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian

The second in the Narnia series keeps C.S. Lewis' vision and message intact.

Visiting people's homes is a great way to learn about them: what they value, who they love, and where they've been. Step into mine, for instance, and you'll soon discover — from the souvenirs and photos — that I've traveled all around the world. My wife, Lynne, often joins me on these trips, and we're always encouraged when we visit our brothers and sisters in Christ around the globe.

Traveling outside the U.S. reminds me that the world is a much bigger place than I tend to think! A 1979 trip to communist Poland introduced me to international travel and opened my eyes to the importance of global ministry. As a seminary student, Campus Crusade for Christ invited me to speak there, and I stayed for several months, talking to college students about the Christian worldview. Through this experience, God revealed to me His passion to bring all nations to Himself. As I sought to become more like Him, He began developing in me a heart for international work.

Over the years, God continued to open doors for me to travel — teaching young believers, encouraging missionaries, talking with fellow educators, and conversing with atheists and agnostics. Even today, I regularly find myself on an airplane bound for a different country. These plane rides are also great opportunities to share Christ with the people sitting next to me.

The more I travel, the more God teaches me about Himself and His world. I'm continually reminded that God's truth is compelling. As I talk with unbelievers — some who are vehemently antagonistic to Christianity — I'm always humbled at the power of the Gospel. The truth of God's Word melts hearts of stone and radically transforms lives. People hunger for a message of hope and reconciliation, and they respond eagerly to Christ.

Through my overseas work, I've also learned that engaging an audience is key. When I speak to atheists about the Bible, I realize what I'm up against. But my goal is to converse, not to argue. Many people I talk with think Christianity is for old women and children but not for educated people. For them to move past this misconception, I strive to appeal to their intellect, not their emotions. Still, it becomes emotional, as they begin to see the consequences of their choices. Reaching people starts with understanding where they are and then engaging them there with the heart and mind of Christ.

One of my favorite aspects of international ministry is talking with Christian educators. Much like the professors at Cedarville, they want their students to approach their culture from a biblical worldview, teaching them to discern truth from error. After visiting with them, I always leave inspired and encouraged to know that God is using people around the world to raise up the next generation of devoted Christ-followers.

With many more trips on the horizon, I'm excited to learn more about what God is doing across the globe. In the meantime, it is my prayer that I remain sensitive to His leading. When all is said and done, I long to become a man not of my own making, but one who follows after God's own heart.

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